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For : ANALYSIS MODEL DATA CREATING METHOD AND APPARATUS,
AND RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING ANALYSIS MODEL DATA
CREATING PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

A Japanese-language article by TORIGAKI et al., entitled "Automatic Generation of a Numerical Analysis Model Using a Voxel Model, and Its Application to Structural Analysis and Topology Shape Optimization" ("Automatic Generation of a Numerical Analysis Model Using a Voxel Model, and Its Application to Structural Analysis and Phase Shape Optimal Design"), Collection of Lecture Thesis (I) 74th General Meeting of the Japan Machinery Society. This document is cited at page 2 of the specification. An English-language abstract is provided.

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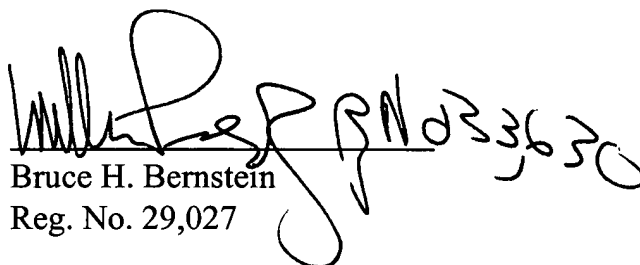
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite this document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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